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WASHINGTON, D C -- Rep Kika de la Garza called for the nation to return to observing Memorial Day on May 30 and Veterans Day on November 11 of each year and introduced a resolution to that effect in the House of Representatives.

"It is not appropriate," the South Texas Congressman said, "for these days to be designated, as they are now, as 'the last Monday' in May and November. Our veterans of military service, those still living and those no longer among us, deserve more than such a vague setting of dates on which we pause to honor them."

Congressman de la Garza pointed out that almost 44 million Americans have seen military service in all the wars in which the United States has participated, from the War of Independence through Vietnam, and approximately 29 million veterans are still living.

"Memorial Day and Veterans Days are times to show that we remember and care," he said in his House address. "They should be days of rededication by all Americans to the principles on which our country was built and which we have fought to defend. They should not be haphazard floating holidays" the South Texan added."

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